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The True ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
Behaviour and Confession  
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William Disney, Esq;

Who was Tryed for

HIGH TREASON

By the KING'S Especial Commission of Oyer and  
Terminer, held at the MARSHALSEA in Southwark,  
on Thursday the 25th. of June, 1685.

Together with his

LAST Dying WORDS

At the Place of Execution at KENNINGTON Common  
in the County of Surrey, on Monday June 29th. 1685.

ON Thursday June the 25th. 1685. William Disney, Esquire;  
being Indited of High Treason, for Printing and Publishing  
a most Vile and Trayterous Paper against His most Sacred  
MAJESTY and Government: Intituled *The Declaration of James  
Duke of Monmouth, and the Noble-Men, Gentlemen, and others now in  
Arms, &c.*

The Messenger deposed, That having a Warrant for the Apprehending  
of William Disney, Esquire; he took some Files of Musqueteers, and  
Two or Three Gentlemen to his Assistance; when approaching to the  
House

House of one *Tyrrel* a Gardiner in the Parish of *Lambeth*, on Monday June 15th. 1685. between Twelve and One of the Clock in the Morning, he broke into the Appartment of *Disney's*, where entering his Chamber, he found the Prisoner in his shirt, who craved his Breeches, but the Messenger replied no, saying, if he had a Night-gown he might put it on: Immediately after, viewing his Breeches, there was found a Dagger in his pocket, also some other things, likewise a brace of Pistols, and a great Hanger in the nature of a Scymeter.

His Maid *Mary Allett* was supposed to be in Bed with him, by reason her Cloaths were upon his Bed: His Daughter about Eleven years of Age, or thereabouts, was in another part of the Room a Bed alone: The Messenger farther deposed, that getting into the Printing-House, he there found the Forms (as Printers call them) of the Trayterous Declaration in the Printing-Room, there being by computation about 750 of them Printed on one side, and about Five of the said Trayterous Declarations perfect. Upon the Messengers questioning how they came there? he pretended Ignorance.

The Evidence appearing very plain, and he having nothing to say for himself, was found guilty of High Treason, Sentenced to be Drawn, Hanged, and Quartered; which was accordingly done, at *Kennington Common*, in the County of *Surrey*, on Monday the 29th. of June, 1685. and his Quarters set upon the City Gates.

A True and full account given by the Minister of *St. George*, concerning the Behaviour, and last dying Speeches of *William Disney, Esq*; June, 29th. 1685.

Between Nine and Ten of the Clock in the Morning, I was sent for by the High Sheriff of *Surrey*, to officiate as Ordinary at the Execution of the Prisoner at the *Marshalsea*; before he was brought out, a neighbouring Minister and I (upon the Sheriffs motion) went into the Room where he was; when the Reverend Parson (having seen him the Night before) askt him whether he had considered of those things which he had formerly offered him, and did very pathetically press him that he would give Glory to God by a full and ingenuous Confession of his Crime, intimating to him the fatal consequences that might have followed if he had perfected that evil work: How many Mens Lives might have been lost in the quarrel; whose blood he

he was so far guilty of, as he contributed to the increase of the Rebellion, by his Printing the Trayterous paper (or words to the same effect.) To which the Prisoner answered (with some signs of discontent) to this purpose: That he hoped, (he speaking to the Minister) did not come to press him to burden himself now: That he had nothing to say that might bring any person into trouble, and his time was short; so he desired not to be troubled about any such matters; so that few words passed ere we parted; finding him resolved not to make any discovery, I only told him I did intend to meet him at the place of Execution, and he thanked me.

When he came to the Gallows and was in the Cart, I came to him and asked him, how he desired to improve those few moments of his Life that were yet to come? He answered in Prayer: I asked, will you pray for your self, or shall I pray for you? He answered, I will pray; and desire you to pray for me. Whilst the Executioner was preparing the Rope, I shewed him the *Bible*, saying Sir, what comfortable Sentence do you remember out of this word of God for your present use? He answered, *Jesus Christ came into the World to save Sinners*, of whom I am chief: And then he proceeded in general terms to acknowledge himself a great Sinner against God; but affirmed that he had made his peace with God, that he had confessed his Sins with humility and fervency, and had begged Gods pardon; and did not doubt but God had for the merits of his Son *Jesus Christ* pardoned all his Sins, and he was now under very comfortable hopes that he should soon be happy, not upon the account of his own merits, but the merits of *Jesus Christ*. I told him this was very good, if his hopes were well grounded: He replied, his hopes were grounded on the Scriptures, which assured him that *Christ* dyed to save Sinners. Whereupon I recounted to him some other Gracious promises of God to true Penitents, as that of *Ezekiel*, *If the Wicked man turneth away from his wickedness, and doth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his Soul alive*, &c. After which he made his Address to God in Prayer, That he would forgive him all his Sins, and sanctify this his affliction to him; and prayed to God to bless the King, that he may be merciful and kind to his Subjects, as well as just to his Enemies. He farther observed how Gracious God was to him in giving him this admonition (as he called it) for God might have taken him off by some sudden death, or deprived him of his Senses, and then (he said) it must have been worse with me, but now God hath given me time to bethink my self: So that though the dolour and the shame of this death having so many Spectators (upon whom he looked) may somewhat discompose



discompose me, yet I have peace and comfort within. Afterwards he desired me to pray with him, which I did briefly according to his mind and present example: And closing with the Lords Prayer, he answered every Petition deliberately, and calmly. He declared that he lived in and did now dy in the Communion of the Church of *England*, were he repeated again in these words, *The Protestant Church of England*. After Prayer, I asked him whether we should Sing some part of a *Psalm*? he answered, no: Then I asked him whether he had any thing more to do or say? he answered, I have nothing more but to return you thanks for your care of me. And I pray God bless you and hear your Prayers for me, and mine for you, and our Saviour *Christ* for us both: And so I left him going to his long home.

*This according to the best recollection of my thoughts, is the Sum, and as near as I can remember, the words that passed between Mr. Disney and me*

ANDREW WESTON.

This may be Printed. R. L. S.

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